

Killings of Non-Assamese in Assam

**†2764. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of incidents of killings of non-Assamese by the militants in Assam during the last six months, separately;**
- (b) what are the State-wise details of such persons killed;**
- (c) whether compensation has been paid to the families of those killed after identifying such families;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether Government are taking action to strengthen the security of such people, if so, the details thereof?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) An ex-gratia amount of Rs. 1 lakh is paid to next of kin of civilians killed in terrorist violence.

(e) The Govt. has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of Para-military forces and army in the State, coordinated action by army, Para-military forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities(Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernisation/upgradation of State Police Force, identification of 1756 pockets of Hindi speaking people for more

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intensive patrolling by the Police and Army; deployment of additional 27 coys. of CRPF in Assam since December, 2000; imposition of curfew in a belt of 5-10 Kms. along the international borders depending upon local conditions etc. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

Non-Registration of Christian and Muslim SCs in Census 2001

2765. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Christian and Muslim SCs cannot register their community in the on-going census;

(b) whether it is also true that only Buddhist, Sikh and Hindu religion are contained in the census form with regard to SC category;

(c) if so, the reasons for deletion of Muslims and Christians; and

(d) what immediate measures Government are going to take to rectify this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) At the Census of India, 2001, the Scheduled Caste population in each State and Union territory was enumerated in accordance with the constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 as amended from time to time. As per this Presidential Order, the Scheduled Caste can be amongst Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists only. As such the persons belonging to other religions including Christians and Muslims cannot be recorded as Scheduled Castes. The procedure to enumerate the Scheduled Caste population followed at the Census of India, 2001 was the same as followed at the earlier censuses and in accordance with the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, therefore the question of taking any measure to rectify the same does not arise.

Changing Ratio of Population in North-East

†2766. SHRI B.P. APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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